

Growing up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1930s, Patricia Spencer followed in her mother and grandmother's footsteps becoming a member of the NAACP at the age of seven, a group which she was still a member of 72 years later. At the age of nineteen, while serving as Secretary of the local NAACP branch, Ms. Spencer received the news that her mentor on the NAACP Youth Council, Rosa Parks, was arrested while riding the Montgomery bus. Ms. Spencer immediately started churning out fliers urging others to boycott the bus. During this time Ms. Spencer also babysat Yolanda King, the first eldest child of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ms. Spencer graduated from Alabama State University and then moved to Orlando, FL to take a position as an operator with Southern Bell, the first African American to hold this position. From there she moved to Detroit and served 13 years on the local school board. In recognition of her service to the Detroit area, the Martin Luther King, Jr. High School Auditorium and the swimming facility at Charles Kettering High School bear her name. In the mid 1990s she moved to Tampa, FL. Once settled in, she immediately started to volunteer with the Hillsborough NAACP branch, where she used her vast knowledge of the organization's rules to mentor members and secure funding for the branch. She served as Membership Chair and Area Director for the NAACP's state conference as well as Secretary of the Hillsborough County chapter. She will forever be remembered for her constant efforts to boost NAACP membership.

In addition to her work with the NAACP, Ms. Spencer also co-chaired the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technologic and Scientific Olympics. This program recruits high school students to compete in science and visual arts competitions. In 2007, Governor Charlie Crist appointed her as a member of the Hillsborough County Civil Service Board.

Ms. Spencer will be forever remembered as a leader in the Tampa Bay community for her unequivocal support of justice and fairness. On December 15th, 2015, she passed away two days after her 79th birthday. Mr. Speaker, I join the Tampa Bay community in honoring Ms. Patricia Spencer for her lifelong commitment to service.

#### HONORING BARBARA CLARK

#### HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 28, 2016*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Barbara Clark for a job well done on the occasion of her retirement. This is a milestone for the executive director who led the Network of Victim Assistance for 25 years. NOVA, which serves Bucks County and the Philadelphia area is recognized for its high quality services for the most vulnerable in the community. Under her direction, NOVA evolved from a small victims services organization to a large, financially sound, nationally recognized organization with high standards of services available to crime victims, including—children, the elderly and people with disabilities. As executive director, Barbara Clark led the way and was widely recognized and honored for her ability to create problem-solving

groups and find solutions and funding to accomplish the work—the creation of a community free from violence and harm. Among her many accomplishments is the ability to fund the agency and its projects. Under her guidance, the budget and the capacity of NOVA rose from \$235,000 in 1991 to more than \$3.3 million today. Another initiative that defined her management ability was the NOVA comprehensive capital campaign she launched in 2008, called Voices Against Violence. The goal was set at \$1.9 million, but at the end of the campaign \$2.1 million was raised. Once again, her knowledge, dedication and her outstanding management abilities led the way. Barbara has the appreciation and gratitude of her colleagues, those she mentored, and the community she served. In so doing, she has set an example for others to follow.

#### JARVIS GLOVER

#### HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 28, 2016*

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the service and dedication of an extraordinary community servant, Mr. Jarvis Glover.

Born and raised in Port Tampa, Mr. Glover has been fondly known as its unofficial Mayor. Mr. Glover started his career with Hillsborough County in 1975, at a time when our nation, and our own community, was progressing and on the cusp of tremendous growth. Beginning as a groundskeeper, Jarvis served to improve the lives of the citizens of Hillsborough County, Florida in many capacities throughout the following four decades of his tenure. Mr. Jarvis recently retired from Hillsborough County, after serving with unwavering discipline and integrity and inspiring future generations of public servants.

Mr. Glover's outstanding work ethic and stalwart dedication have made an indelible mark on day-to-day County business and represents the values that this community upholds. Mr. Glover has had a big heart for public service, which has perhaps made him Hillsborough County's greatest ambassador and he is revered by everyone.

Mr. Glover's commitment and devotion begins with his family. He is quick to credit his loving wife, Clara, as a driving force in his life. His own children, La'Daishia and Jarvis Jr., have supported and followed in their father's lofty footsteps into public service.

Mr. Glover's praise and admiration by everyone he meets has not happened overnight. He has earned it by demonstrating a daily pledge to serve his colleagues and neighbors with respect and hard work. His example of genuine enthusiasm for public service should serve to motivate so many answering the call to join our public agencies, which have a profound impact on millions in almost every aspect of their lives. Hillsborough County is a better place because of Mr. Glover. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join the Hillsborough County community in thanking Jarvis Glover for his decades of exceptional service.

#### HONORING REV. ROBERT L. MILLER

#### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 28, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a God-fearing and impressionistic man, Rev. Robert L. Miller. Rev. Miller has shown what can be done through tenacity, dedication and a desire to serve God.

Rev. Miller has done many things throughout his life, but inside he has always been a preacher. At 89 years old, he can't see himself ever hanging it up, because it's his calling. Some of the members of the church have said their church will close its doors if he leaves.

He is currently serving five churches on a rotation schedule where he will do two services a Sunday except one Sunday a month, he only does one service.

Forty years ago in July is when he first took the pulpit at New Mount Zion M.B. Church. Eleven years later in June 1986, he began serving his fifth church, Locust Grove M.B. Church.

He also preached at Providence M.B. Church from 1971 until 1986. He has served as vice moderator of the Sharkey County Baptist Association and is currently the moderator of the Warren County Baptist Association.

He was ordained in December 1968 and started serving his first church just weeks later.

The profession is so much a part of his soul; oftentimes he slides into preacher mode mid-conversation. The only job Rev. Miller has ever had besides being a preacher was a letter carrier for 25 years.

At 18, Miller was drafted and left high school to join World War II. He spent time in France, England, Belgium and Germany as a medic. Once the war was over, he returned to Vicksburg to finish his high school degree at Bowman High School.

Rev. Miller married two years later and had eight children with his wife of almost 30 years. She passed away in 1979. He was remarried in August 2013 to Elease Fisher Miller.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Rev. Robert L. Miller for 40 years of service to New Mount Zion M.B. Church.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF MR. ROBERT STUCKY

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, January 28, 2016*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Robert "Bob" Stucky on his retirement after twenty seven years of dedicated service to the City of Kingsburg.

Mr. Stucky was born on January 3, 1954 in Reedley, California. Growing up in the Central Valley, Mr. Stucky attended local schools and graduated from Reedley High School in 1972. Bob and his wife Donna have two children, Tim and Lisa.

On August 15, 1988, Mr. Stucky began working as a Maintenance Worker with the City of Kingsburg Public Works Department.

Throughout his career, Mr. Stucky has worked in several capacities including Water Specialist and Water Operator.

Mr. Stucky has served the citizens of Kingsburg loyally and with dedication. His insight and efforts have kept the city's water supply clean, safe, and reliable for all those in the community.

After twenty seven years with the City of Kingsburg, Mr. Stucky retired on January 6, 2016. The City of Kingsburg has been extremely lucky to have such a diligent and hardworking individual protect their water supply.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Mr. Robert Stucky for his decades of dedicated public service and congratulating him on his recent retirement.

#### 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CBP'S AIR AND MARINE OPERATIONS—OR AMO

### HON. CANDICE S. MILLER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the merger of U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) air and marine assets, which today are known as CBP's Air and Marine Operations—or AMO. This valuable component of CBP provides critical aviation and maritime capabilities that support security along the nation's land and maritime borders.

Prior to the establishment of DHS in 2003, the assets and personnel that comprise AMO were divided amongst multiple agencies, including the U.S. Customs Service and the U.S. Border Patrol. These resources were consolidated under DHS and integrated into CBP to better coordinate and align our nation's border and maritime security resources and increase the effectiveness of those resources.

Today, AMO helps secure our nation from transnational threats, including terrorism; weapons and drug smuggling; and other illicit transnational activities.

With 1,800 federal agents and specialists, a fleet of aircraft and marine vessels, and an array of advanced surveillance and domain awareness technologies, AMO conducts its mission along our land borders and coastlines, and within the nation's interior.

Based out of more than 90 locations throughout the United States, AMO performed approximately 30,000 missions, which supported 51,000 apprehensions and made 4,500 arrests ensuring the safety and security of our nation.

As one of the nation's largest and most capable aviation and maritime law enforcement organization, AMO leverages its capabilities by forging crucial partnerships with international, federal, state, local and tribal agencies in support of national security, law enforcement, disaster relief, and humanitarian operations.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I want to commend the men and women of the CBP's Air and Marine Operations for their years of service and wish them a happy 10th anniversary.

#### HONORING MAMIE OSBORNE

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mamie Osborne, who is an assistant professor of English and has devoted herself to teaching and research since she began working at MVSU in 1999. She completed post-graduate studies at the University of Toledo, University of Louisville, and University of Mississippi in American literature, rhetoric and composition, children's and young adult literature, and received an undergraduate degree in English from MVSU.

As a professor, Osborne assisted the Department of English and Foreign Languages' English Education program successfully by drafting two NCATE self-study reports and earning the program the status of "Nationally Recognized" twice; she is a member of Valley's Quality Enhancement Plan faculty team; and she holds membership in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the Black Caucus of NCTE.

Osborne is a scholar and creative writer. Her scholarly and creative works have been published in national and international scholarly and literary journals including: The Southern Quarterly, Valley Voices, Black Magnolias, The Kentucky River, and Renditions (Hong Kong). Her interview with Sterling Plump by the University Press of Mississippi in spring, 2016. She has also made numerous presentations at professional conferences and serves as an editor for Valley Voices, a national journal for criticism and writing published at MVSU.

The assistant professor devotes herself to community service. Osborne has volunteered to help the City of Itta Bena address its community's literacy problem by volunteering during the summer and after school at the Itta Bena Public Library and for the past two years conducted workshops for the MVSU Reading Institute in children and young adult literature and writing.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mamie Osborne, a professor, writer, researcher and educator, for her dedication to serving others and giving back to the African American community.

#### MOURNING THE LOSS AND HONORING THE LIFE OF CARROLL PATRICK OLIVER

### HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mrs. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I have taken to this floor too many times to mourn tragic deaths caused by senseless acts of gun violence.

I rise today to remember Mr. Carroll Patrick Oliver of Houston, Texas, a well-loved and respected businessman and community leader of my 18th district.

Mr. Oliver was tragically murdered on Monday, January 11, 2016, when he was shot and killed in a robbery as he left his place of business to do a morning bank run.

A former Chicago police officer and lawful gun owner, Mr. Oliver attempted to defend himself when approached by the robbers but was ruthlessly shot by one of the thieves as they attempted to steal his briefcase.

As a McDonalds franchise owner for nearly 37 years, Mr. Oliver was well known throughout Houston as a kind-hearted and giving man, who helped open many doors for those in his community.

He often fed the homeless and neighborhood children simply in need of a warm meal.

He did not hesitate to help those he knew or those he came across in need of a helping hand.

Laudably, Mr. Oliver was most recognized for providing employment opportunities to help individuals succeed in his community, including hiring teenagers from a local high school and working with several programs to hire individuals with criminal records looking for a second chance.

Mr. Oliver also served as a volunteer Chaplain for the Fort Bend County Precinct Two Constable's office, where he led the community in prayer at school events and nursing homes.

Giving back to his community in more ways than one, Mr. Oliver had a servant's heart and a lifelong calling to help the poor and underprivileged.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jolene Oliver and their two children Cedric Oliver and Stephanie Oliver, as well as a host of relatives, friends and his McDonald's family.

The loss of this great man will run deep throughout Houston.

We will miss him and his beautiful acts of kindness and generosity.

I hope Houston can find peace and comfort in the legacy of greatness he leaves with us, and that others continue to follow in his footsteps.

I also hope that we continue to fight gun violence and find ways to prevent these awful acts of violence.

This tragic event sadly demonstrates the clear and present dangers of gun violence in our society, despite individuals being a lawful gun owner themselves.

As my colleagues and I continue to push for gun safety legislation, we must come together and acknowledge that we are all at risk, and that none of us are immune from the dangers of gun violence.

In solemn remembrance of this beloved and remarkable community leader, I ask that a moment of silence be observed in his memory.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2016

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 2016, I was unable to cast a vote on two measures which were before the floor of the House of Representatives due to business I was conducting in my capacity as Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. Therefore, I would like to present this letter of intent.

The two measures that I was unable to cast a vote on were Roll Call Number 34, H.R. 598, the Taxpayer Right-To-Know Act, and